

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows. Insertions are shown underlined while deletions are ~~struck through~~.

1 (original): A hair growth stimulant for oral use comprising at least one member selected from the group consisting of plants of the genus Orthosiphon in the family Lamiaceae, plants of the genus Vitex L. in the family Verbenaceae, and extracts thereof.

2 (currently amended): The hair growth stimulant according to claim 1, wherein the plants of the genus Orthosiphon in the family Lamiaceae are cat's whiskers (Orthosiphon aristatus (Blume) Miq.)), Orthosiphon grandiflorus Bold., Orthosiphon rubicundus Benth., Orthosiphon spicatus Benth., and Orthosiphon stamineus Benth.

3 (original): The hair growth stimulant according to claim 1, wherein the plants of the genus Vitex L. in the family Verbenaceae are simpleleaf chastetree (Vitex trifolia L.), roundleaf chastetree (Vitex rotundifolia L.f.), hempleaf negundo chastetree (Vitex cannabifolia Sieb.et Zucc.), negundo chastetree (Vitex negundo L.) and lilac chastetree (Vitex agnus-castus L.).

4 (currently amended): The hair growth stimulant according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3,~~ which is a food for hair growth.

5 (new): The hair growth stimulant according to claim 2, which is a food for hair growth.

6 (new): The hair growth stimulant according to claim 3, which is a food for hair growth.

7 (new): A method of stimulating hair growth comprising administering orally to a subject desiring hair growth stimulation an effective amount of at least one member selected from the group consisting of plants of the genus Orthosiphon in the family Lamiaceae, plants of the genus Vitex L. in the family Verbenaceae, and extracts of the foregoing.

8 (new): The method according to claim 7, wherein the plants of the genus Orthosiphon in the family Lamiaceae are cat's whiskers (Orthosiphon aristatus (Blume) Miq.), Orthosiphon grandiflorus Bold., Orthosiphon rubicundus Benth., Orthosiphon spicatus Benth., and Orthosiphon stamineus Benth.

9 (new): The method according to claim 7, wherein the plants of the genus Vitex L. in the family Verbenaceae are simpleleaf chastetree (Vitex trifolia L.), roundleaf chastetree (Vitex rotundifolia L.f.), hempleaf negundo chastetree (Vitex cannabifolia Sieb.et Zucc.), negundo chastetree (Vitex negundo L.) and lilac chastetree (Vitex agnus-castus L.).

10 (new): The method according to claim 7, wherein said at least one member is an aqueous extract of a plant selected from the group consisting of cat's whiskers (Orthosiphon

aristatus (Blume) Miq.), simpleleaf chastetree (Vitex trifolia L.), and lilac chastetree (Vitex agnus-castus L.).

11 (new): The method according to claim 7, wherein the at least one member is an aqueous extract of aboveground parts of the selected plant.

12 (new): The method according to claim 7, wherein the effective amount is 1-60 g calculated as dried plant per day.

13 (new): The method according to claim 7, wherein the oral administration is conducted daily and repeated for at least 10 days.

14 (new): The method according to claim 7, wherein the oral administration is conducted by providing the at least one member in form of food.

15 (new): A method of stimulating hair growth comprising:

providing an aqueous extract of at least one plant selected from the group consisting of the genus Orthosiphon in the family Lamiaceae, plants of the genus Vitex L. in the family Verbenaceae;

orally administering an effective amount of the extract to a subject desiring hair growth on a daily basis; and

continuing the oral administration at least 10 days.

16 (new): The method according to claim 15, wherein the plants of the genus Orthosiphon in the family Lamiaceae are cat's whiskers (Orthosiphon aristatus (Blume) Miq.), Orthosiphon grandiflorus Bold., Orthosiphon rubicundus Benth., Orthosiphon spicatus Benth., and Orthosiphon stamineus Benth.

17 (new): The method according to claim 15, wherein the plants of the genus Vitex L. in the family Verbenaceae are simpleleaf chastetree (Vitex trifolia L.), roundleaf chastetree (Vitex rotundifolia L.f.), hempleaf negundo chastetree (Vitex cannabifolia Sieb.et Zucc.), negundo chastetree (Vitex negundo L.) and lilac chastetree (Vitex agnus-castus L.).

18 (new): The method according to claim 15, wherein the plant is selected from the group consisting of cat's whiskers (Orthosiphon aristatus (Blume) Miq.), simpleleaf chastetree (Vitex trifolia L.), and lilac chastetree (Vitex agnus-castus L.).

19 (new): The method according to claim 15, wherein the aqueous extract is provided by extracting the plant with a C₁₋₃ alcohol solution at a temperature of room temperature to about 80°C for about 1 hour to about 10 hours.

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20 (new): The method according to claim 15, wherein the effective amount is 1-60 g calculated as dried plant per day.

21 (new): The method according to claim 15, wherein the oral administration is conducted by providing the at least one member in form of food.